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SUBJ: KHMER CREDENTIALS AT UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE

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1. LESOTHO PLANNING FOR 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE IN DISARRAY. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RATHER THAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESPONSIBLE FOR LESOTHO'S REPRESENTATION. EMBOFF DISCUSSED KHMER CREDENTIALS ISSUE WITH PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES OF LESOTHO'S SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITION. THERE ARE REASONS, HOWEVER, TO SUSPECT HIS FOLLOW-THROUGH MAY BE INADEQUATE TO MEET OUR NEEDS, NOT LEAST OF WHICH IS UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT THAT EDUCATION PERMANENT SECRETARY CHANGING JOBS EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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2. LESOTHO'S LIKELY DELEGATE IS BOLOKOECHARLES MOKHELE,

LESOTHO'S NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR UNESCO. MINISTER OF EDUCATION A.S. RALEBITSO IS POSSIBLE ATTENDEE IF FUNDS AVAILABLE AND THERE IS REASONABLE CHANCE LESOTHO'S HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, PAUL MABATHOANA, WILL ATTEND.

3. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY LONDON TO ASCERTAIN IF MABATHOANA WILL ATTEND UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE AND, IF SO, DISCUSS WITH HIM REFTEL. MABATHOANA SHOULD BE CONVERSANT WITH KHMER CREDENTIALS ISSUE FROM HIS SERVICE AS LESOTHO'S PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WILL BE AWARE OF SUPPORT FOR USG POSITION LESOTHO HAS GIVEN IN PAST.
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